

Don't fight the charges against the Infirmary. I can but
 say, I think you're quite wholly in error. Now I do not
 recollect that my attention was while there called to that
 fact. I certainly never got the idea at any of the
 stations that the Infirmary, tried to put themselves
 off for 8 disquisitions. I do not believe it. Their trying
 to become all things to all men - trying to lay aside all
 sectarian character, has this kind that it has led to
 do things which views seem plausible to the charge.

Charges to 55:
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This might and ought to have been foreseen, and
 I shall not be surprised if other inconveniences in time
 follow that no character principle is acted on by the A.B.C.
 M. It is very true, with some superficial minds, but
 a profound knowledge of human nature, would teach
 that, as the world now is, it will not work and will lay
 those who practice on it open to such charges as Southgate
 makes, if not rectified. Yours truly J. B. Patton.

turned down the most. I compare that with the
plan advocated in the Herald April 1838, by the
Earnest Smith, Joseph Adams, and the strong
men at the rooms, and see if you can make
them agree. I cannot, especially I cannot make it
agree with the plan as stated by all these advocates
Smith, Joseph Adams, and they were understood to be
agreed as to the plan - Now I write what I hear
and distrust at reports. I am glad they are
changing and adopting what Dr. Dodge, Mr. W. M.
Thomson and myself always advocated. There
could have been no controversy had the plan
all along been what Mr. Smith now represents
it. This whole matter will probably have to
come out. They ought to change. I wish them
to change, but they ought frankly admit the
nature and extent of the change - and especi-
ally, they ought not to be describing what is
made, and attempts to defame and put
down those who before the change, tried
to show from Scripture and common sense
and common moral principles, that a dif-
ferent course ought to be taken from the
one then followed -

This letter is written in much haste, as I have
just returned from the Jackson Springs, where the
health & renewal of my family as well as my own
took me. It is not designed for publication. I
will thank you for notices of what may come
out touching this point. -
I had wish to have foretold your request as to

My great aversion to public discussion, especially
with such weak opponents, has in part made
me desirous that some ~~other~~ persons of character
and standing at the North, would consider
the matter, as regards my statements in those
letters, and say whether I have done injus-
tice to the Missionaries or their plans. If
I do not succeed in this, I must come out
in a pretty full defence, and I shall most
likely publish a Number of letters now
in my possession, which will show how
the matter stood when I was out at the
Mission field. In this case, and also in
the other, I hope as you have got
me into the difficulty (I say this in
pleasantly) that you will as far as
you can, get my Numbers a place
in the public prints that they may
be read.

Have you noticed that it is now
claimed that the Mission Church plan
ever went into operation? What may
we not see a few next? He might
as well deny that the Rev. Thos. at
Beirut in 1836 and 1837.

Have you noticed Rev. S. Smiths proof in
the N. Y. obs. when ^{he} represents the existing
plan adopted by Desh, King, and Goodell, as con-

Rev. A. A. Phelps

Shillbush B. Aug 19, 1846

95 - My dear Sir

I have seen an apology for not replying sooner to yours of the 10th June. I have with a copy of the letter which you requested, a few copies, having been obtained from the Office. I immediately wrote to Portland for Mrs. Walcott's piece as advised, but have not as yet received it. This in part has delayed my writing, as I wished to see it before I wrote. I have however received Warren's record piece against me, which is worse than the first - I know not how to characterize such a ^{piece} ~~man~~ - I have not answered it, ~~except~~ ^{but} I have ~~sent~~ ^{sent} a ~~copy~~ ^{copy} to the ~~readers~~ ^{readers} of the ~~Review~~ - I wait the reception of several letters which will enable me to put the matter at rest, either through some person known at the North or in some special members -

I have naturally a great aversion to controversy - I cannot well bear the unrelenting charges and insinuations that fill Mr. M's piece. I have seldom if ever in my life seen, so crude, insulting, ungentlemanly a writer. I feel deeply wounded at being thus referred among a people where I am not known - While I say this, I do not see that I have cause to complain of you, or your manner of quoting my letters -